A Special Gift from Allah

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Baba and Mansoor are sitting on a carpet in their living room after dinner. The night breeze comes through the open window as the stars twinkle in the sky.

Mansoor: Baba, can I ask you something?

Baba: Of course, beta. What is on your mind?

Mansoor: Today, in Madrasa, my teacher told us that Islam is a complete religion. But how do we know that?

Baba: Ah, that is a very good question! Let me tell you a story that will answer it.

Mansoor: Oh! I love your stories, Baba!

Baba: Once, during the time of our beloved Prophet ﷺ, a Jewish man came to Umar bin Al-Khattab (RA), who was the leader of the Muslims. He said, “There is a verse in your Holy Book that, if it had been revealed to us, we would have celebrated that day.”

Mansoor: What verse was he talking about?

Baba: It was this one from the Quran:

"This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." (Surah Al-Ma’idah 5:3)

Mansoor: Wow! So that means Allah gave us a perfect gift?

Baba: Yes! Islam is that perfect gift. Imagine, if you received a brand-new bicycle that had everything—you wouldn’t need to add anything to it, right?

Mansoor: Yes! It would be ready to ride!

Baba: Exactly! Just like that, Allah gave us a complete religion with guidance on everything—how to pray, how to be kind, how to be honest, and how to live a good life.

Mansoor: But Baba, why do you think the Jewish man said they would celebrate if it was revealed to them?

Baba: Because he understood how special it was! And do you know when this verse was revealed?

Mansoor: Hmm… was it a Friday?

Baba: Yes! It was on a Friday, and not just any Friday—it was the Day of Arafah during Hajj! That’s one of the holiest days in Islam. This shows us that Allah chose the best day for such an important message.

Mansoor: SubhanAllah! So every time I pray, read Quran, or do something good, I’m following the perfect religion Allah gave us?

Baba: Yes, beta! And that is why we should always be grateful to Allah for giving us Islam.

Mansoor: Thank you, Baba! I feel so happy knowing that Allah has given us the best way to live.

Baba: Alhamdulillah! And remember, the best way to thank Allah is by practicing Islam with love and sincerity.